

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is supplementary to the amendment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 filed by applicants on June 16 ,2005. In response to that amendment, while entering the amendment, the Examiner noted that claims 22 and 23 were allowed, but continued the rejection of claims 17-21. Indeed, the Examiner specified reasons for this continued rejection.

Without admitting the correctness of any position taken by the Examiner, and in order to expedite the allowance of this application, applicants have now cancelled claim 17, and have amended the claims so that claims 18-21 now depend from claims 22 and 23, which claims were already considered to be in condition for allowance. Thus, it is clear that all of the claims in this application are now directed to patentable subject matter, and reconsideration and allowance of this application is therefore respectfully solicited.

The above, in fact, is considered to provide good cause for the entry of this amendment since it results in allowance of this application and eliminates the need for an appeal or further prosecution thereof. If, however, for any reason the Examiner does not believe that this application is in condition for allowance, it is respectfully requested that he telephone applicant's attorney at (908) 654-5000 in order to overcome any additional objections which the Examiner might have to allowance at this time.

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Finally, if there are any additional charges in connection with this requested amendment, the Examiner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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